ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INTERNAL MEMO

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Director Kirk Wilkerson **DATE:** October 26, 2017

RE: Phishing Email Alert-New Ransomware "Bad Rabbit"



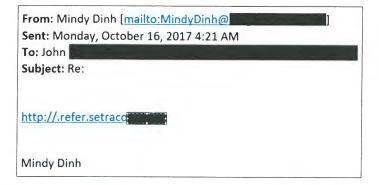
There are media reports of a new variant of the "Petya" ransomware named "Bad Rabbit" that is causing infections primarily abroad.

Be suspicious of any <u>unsolicited</u> email from individuals requesting information about the following: employees, internal information, sensitive and/or financial information. When in doubt, call the sender to confirm the request you've received is legitimate.

<u>Ransomware</u> is malicious software that encrypts all user files on a computer, and demands a ransom be paid before the files are released. The primary method of infection is through a <u>"phishing" email</u> crafted to appear as though it were from a legitimate organization or individual, and <u>entices the user to click</u> on a link or open an infected file attachment containing malicious code.

Pay attention to the URL of a website. We have seen malicious websites using a variation in the spelling of the site to trick users. Below are a few examples.

- 1. Misspelling of URL's:
 - o (Facebook.cm) instead of Facebook.com
 - o (Zillow.cm) instead of Zillow.com
- 2. Suspicious phishing email:



If you receive an email that looks a "little off" please do not open any attachments and/or click on any links that looks suspicious.

Please report any suspicious emails by contacting our IT Help Desk (714) 834-4444.

